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SUBJECT: MARITIME SATELLITES: CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPANESE

1. FOLLOWING PRESENTED BY JAPANESE DELEGATION AS BASIS FOR THEIR VIEWS ON MARITIME SATELLITES. IT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO IMCO:
2. QTE COMMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN RELATING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE SYSTEM.
3. THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE SYSTEM:
4. IT IS DESIRABLE TO REALIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE SYSTEM WITH THE GLOBAL COVERAGE THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, WITH A VIEW TO BRINGING ABOUT AN EARLY IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE, DISTRESS AND SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS AS WELL AS TO COPING WITH INCREASING DEMAND FOR MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING THE RADIO DETERMINATION SERVICE.

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5. AS REGARDS AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE SYSTEM, IT IS PREFERABLE TO ESTABLISH THE ORGANIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO BE CONCLUDED AMONG THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. IT WOULD BE ALSO NECESSARY TO WORK OUT A SORT OF AN OPERATING AGREEMENT TO DEFINE THE OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL MATTERS FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SYSTEM. IN ADDITION, IT MAY BE WORTH FOR DUE CONSIDERATION THAT THE ORGANIZATION BE STARTED ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS AT THE INITIAL STAGE AT WHICH SUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE HAS NOT YET BEEN ACQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION, TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL MATTERS CONCERNING THE MARITIME SATELLITE SYSTEM.

6. IN THE LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE COUNTRIES WHERE THE MARITIME RADIO COMMUNICATION SERVICE IS CARRIED OUT ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PRIVATE OR PUBLIC TELEGRAMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES DESIGNATED BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE ORGANIZATION IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY SHOULD ASSUME FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. IN SUCH A CASE, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE THAT A PRACTICE, IN WHICH RELATIONS BETWEEN ANY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITY AND THE GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS DESIGNATED IT ARE GOVERNED BY APPLICABLE DOMESTIC LAW, BE INTRODUCED.

7. THIS ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE FINANCIALLY SELF-SUPPORTING. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE ORGANIZATION BE MANAGED EFFICIENTLY FROM AN OPERATIONAL POINT OF VIEW AND THE PROPER COST/EFFECTIVENESS BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN ESTABLISHING THE SYSTEM.

8. IT IS NECESSARY TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT THERE SHOULD BE AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE TIME LAG AMONG THREE OCEANS IN COMMENCING SERVICE AND TO ENSURE THE UTILIZATION OF THE SYSTEM BY SHIPS OF ALL COUNTRIES WHETHER THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OR NOT. UNQTE
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